

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121, a complete listing of all claims in the application, and their status, is set forth below. The text of each pending claim is also provided. Please amend the pending claims as follows, wherein added matter is underlined and deleted matter is ~~stricken through~~ or [[double bracketed]], relative to the immediate prior version. The claims in this listing are deemed to replace all prior claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of securing a tube to another component, the method comprising providing the said another component with an opening, passage or recess having a region of generally tapering form with a predetermined cone angle, introducing the tube into the opening, passage or recess, positioning a clamping member within the tube, the clamping member having a generally frustoconical form with a predetermined cone angle which is approximately the same as the opening, passage or recess cone angle, and securing the clamping member to the said another component to clamp the tube between the clamping member and the said another component.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the tube is of a ductile material.

4. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the tube is of a plastics material.

5. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the tube is shaped to include an

end region of tapering form prior to the introduction of the tube into the opening, passage or recess.

6. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the action of introducing deforms part of the tube to conform generally, with the tapering shape of the opening, passage or recess.

7. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the clamping member is provided with a single, centrally disposed screw-threaded passage extending from the lower surface thereof, a single screw-threaded bolt being used to secure the clamping member to the said another component, the screw-threaded bolt extending through ~~an~~ a single, centrally disposed opening formed in the said another component and into the screw-threaded passage.

8. (Currently Amended) A post arrangement comprising a tube, an end of which extends into an opening, passage or recess provided in a base, the opening, passage or recess being of generally tapering form with a predetermined cone angle, a clamping member being located at least partly within the tube, the clamping member having a generally frustoconical form with a predetermined cone angle which is approximately the same as the opening, passage or recess cone angle, the clamping member being secured to the base to clamp the tube between the clamping member and the base.

9. (Original) A post arrangement according to Claim 8, wherein the tube is of plastics construction.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled).

12. (Currently Amended) A post arrangement according to Claim 8, wherein the clamping member is arranged to be secured to the base by means of a screw- threaded coupling.

13. (Previously Presented) A post arrangement according to Claim 8, wherein the post is arranged to carry part of a queue management system.

14. (Currently Amended) A post arrangement comprising a tube, an end of which extends into an opening, passage or recess provided in a housing forming part of a queue management system, the opening, passage or recess being of generally tapering form with a predetermined cone angle, a clamping member being located within the tube, the clamping member having a generally frustoconical form with a predetermined cone angle which is approximately the same as the opening, passage or recess cone angle, the clamping member being secured to the housing to clamp the tube between the clamping member and the housing.

15. (Currently Amended) A connection arrangement comprising a first component of tubular form, a second component having an opening, passage or recess of tapering form formed therein with a predetermined cone angle, and a clamping member having a generally frustoconical form with a predetermined cone angle which is approximately the same as the opening, passage or recess cone angle, a part of the first component being located within the opening, passage or recess of the second component, the clamping member being located at least partly within the first component and secured to the second component to clamp the first component between the second component and the clamping member.

16. (New) A post arrangement according to claim 8 wherein the tube has a tube wall of uniform thickness.